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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE GRAIN AREA, YIELD, PRODUCTION, 1973

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1. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES USSR AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION GRAIN IN 1973 FOLLOW.

2. TABLE CONTAINS LITTLE FIRM DATA: ONLY SOWN AREA ALL GRAINS, CORN, RICE, AND BUCKWHEAT. (EZVESTIYA, JULY 4, REPORTS TOTAL GRAIN AREA AS 128 MILLION HECTARES, BUT HARVESTED AREA WILL BE SMALLER BECAUSE OF ABANDONMENT, USE FOR RCWEN E ED, ETC.) IF PAST SOVIET PRACTICE FOLLOWED, FINAL AREA DATA WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL SPRING 1974.

3. MAJOR DETERMINANT TOTAL GRAIN CROP IS OUTTURN SPRING WHEAT IN VIRGIN LANDS OF WESTERN SIBERIA AND NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN. SOWING COMPLETED THERE EARLY JUNE. GRAIN NOW IN POST- STOOLING STAGE; ONLY VERY EARLIEST FIELDS BEGINNING TO HEAD.

4. WINTER GRAINS PROMISE GOOD- EXCELLENT YIELDS -- PERHAPS BETTER THAN ESTIMATED -- BUT OUTLOOK CLOUDED BY LODGING IN SOUTHERN UKRAINE AND NORTH CAUCASUS.

5. CONDITION SPRING GRAINS IN EUROPEAN USSR CURRENTLY GOOD- VERY GOOD (MUCH BETTER THAN 1972). BUT FORECAST OF ABOVE NORMAL TEM-
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GRAIN	AREA 1972	AREA 1973	YIELD 1972	YIELD 1973	PRODUCTION 1972	PRODUCTION 1973
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WINTER WHEAT	15.0	16.1	19.6	23.0	29.4	37.0
SPRING WHEAT	43.5	47.0	13.0	11.2	56.6	52.6
WHEAT	58.5	63.1	14.7	14.2	85.8	89.6
RYE	8.1	7.0	11.8	12.8	9.6	9.0
WINTER BARLEY	1.1	1.1	13.0	18.7	1.4	2.1
SPRING BARLEY	26.2	28.1	13.5	15.5	35.4	43.6
BARLEY	27.3	29.2	13.5	15.7	36.8	45.7
OATS	11.4	12.0	12.4	14.0	14.0	16.8
CORN	4.0	4.0	24.4	27.4	9.8	11.0
MILLET	2.7	2.8	7.7	8.7	2.1	2.4
BUCKWHEAT	1.7	1.8	4.7	6.9	0.8	1.2
RICE	0.4	0.4	38.9	39.2	1.6	1.7
PULSES	5.8	6.0	12.1	14.0	7.1	8.4
ALL GRAINS	120.1	126.3	14.0	14.7	168.0	185.8

GROSS PRODUCTION NOT DISCOUNTED FOR EXCESS MOISTURE, FOREIGN MATTER AND WASTE.
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